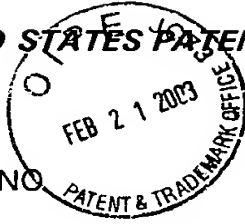


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any documents herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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The instant Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits (first scenario). If that is not the case, such as in a second scenario in which a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed before the filing of the instant Information Disclosure Statement, then either a certification or fee is required, and a certification is provided below. If neither of the first or second scenarios is the case, such as if a final Office Action or a notice of allowance has been mailed by the PTO (third scenario), then both a certification and fee are required, and in that case a certification is provided below and also the PTO is authorized to obtain the necessary fee to have the instant IDS considered, from Foley & Lardner Deposit Account #19-0741.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Chinese Office Action that issued December 13, 2002 with respect to a counterpart Chinese patent application is provided below.

"As to substance, the method of claims 1-16 is a software processing method, and as to substance, it relates to a computer program, the technical solutions of said claims are based on mental activities, it belongs to a rule and method for mental activities, so said claim belongs to the circumstance prescribed in Art. 25, para. 1, item (2) of the Patent Law, no patent right can be granted.

As for the terminal of claims 17-32, the description merely state the method, but doesn't state any specific technical features of the structure of the terminal, therefore said claims are not supported by the description, which is not in conformity with the provision of Art. 26, para. 4 of the Patent Law. The applicant

should delete said claims.

For the reasons, this application cannot be patent-granted, besides, as to substance, the contents of the description of this application have been disclosed in ref. 1 (CN1222009A), therefore this application doesn't state any other patentable substantive contents, even if the application documents are amended, this application has no patentable prospects. If the applicant cannot provide convincing reasons within the time limited for response prescribed in this Office Action, this application will be rejected."

Applicant's statements regarding the Chinese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/O8 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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